# Exotic Pests of Concern for Ornamental Plants





#### Introduction

- Exotic Arthropod Pests
  - Red palm weevil
  - Daylily leaf miner
  - Japanese maple scale
  - Passionvine mealybug
  - Red palm mites
  - Tremex wood wasp
  - Sirex wood wasp
  - Brown marmorated stinkbug
  - European pepper moth

- Exotic Diseases
  - Red ring disease of palms
  - Boxwood blight
  - Impatiens downy mildew
  - Chrysanthemum white rust
  - Texas Phoenix palm decline
  - Bleeding canker of horse chestnut

### **Exotic Arthropods**





Has been found and eradicated

- Rhynchophorus ferrugineus
  - Distribution
    - Native to Asia, spread to Middle East, Portugal, Spain
    - First detected in US in California in 2010
  - Hosts
    - Palms, American Agave, sugarcane
    - Attracted to wounded plants



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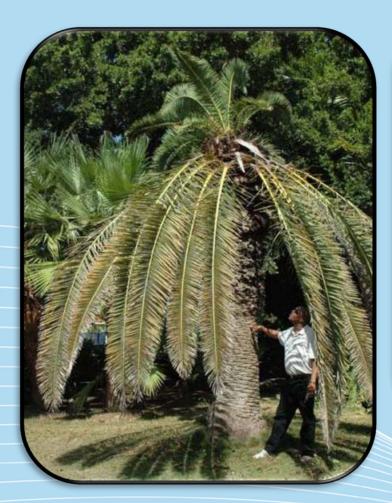






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- Management
  - Monitoring
  - Cultural
    - Sanitation
    - Sealants
    - Groundcover
  - Chemical\*



Monitoring bucket.
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 Carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, endosulfan, fipronil, imidacloprid, malathion, acephate, azinphos-methyl, methidathion, demethoate, trichlorfon

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#### Palm Weevil Similarities



Red palm weevil

Palmetto palm Weevil – red form

Palmetto palm Weevil – black form

South American palm Weevil





- Ophiomyia kwansonis
  - Distribution
    - Native to Japan and Taiwan
    - First detected in US in Maine in 2006
    - Has been reported in NY,
       PA, MD, WV, VA, NC, SC,
       GA, AL, FL, LA, MS, and TX
  - Host
    - Daylilies







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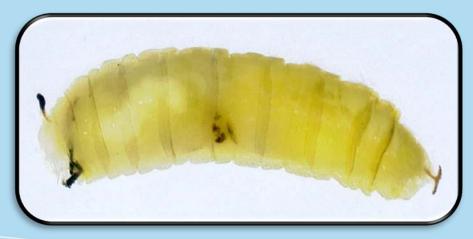








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- Management
  - Good sanitation practices are paramount
    - Removal and destruction of infested leaves
    - Must be sure to remove entire leaf; larvae could hide within low chlorophyll containing leaf tissue near leaf base.
  - Hard to manage fly population
    - Can overwinter on wild Hemerocallis spp.





- Lopholeucaspis japonica
  - Distribution
    - Asia, South America, Australia, and North America
  - Hosts include:
    - Magnolia,
       Maple,
       Euonymus,
       Holly, Privet,
       Willow, Elm,
       and Camellia.







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Crawlers with adults

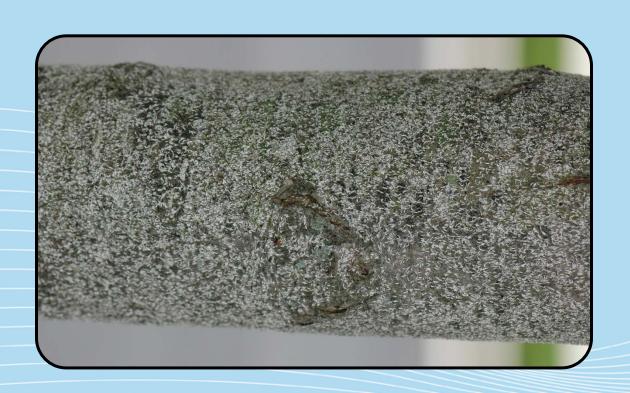


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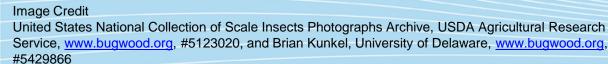


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Damage on tree and a heavy infestation











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- Management
  - Mechanical
    - Sanitation, high pressure water sprayer, scrub brush
  - Chemical\*
    - pyrethroids, buprofezin, pyriproxyfen, dinotefuran, clothianidin, and horticultural oils
  - Detection



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- Planococcus minor
  - Distribution
    - Bermuda, Mexico, Central America, South America, Australia
  - Hosts
    - Polyphagous feeder, tremendous host range
      - such as banana, citrus, cocoa, coffee, corn, grape, mango, potato, and soybean







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- Risk Assessment:
  - Climate

• 52% of the Continental U.S. Has a suitable climate for this pest to

become established

- Host availability
  - 80 plant families including
     250 different host plants
- Time consuming and exhaustive survey methods
  - New pheromone bait traps have been successful in luring *P. minor*







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Pictures of a closely related mealybug, *Planococcus citri* 



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- Management
  - Biological Control



Example of a Syrphidae



Diomus sp.



Example of a Anthocoridae





- Raoiella indica
  - Distribution
    - Asia, the Middle East, South America, and North America
  - Hosts
    - Primary Hosts: Palm family
    - Secondary Hosts: Banana family
    - Also reported on: Pandanus spp., Heliconia, and bird of paradise plants





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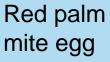






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Damage on palm fronds



Damage on banana leaves

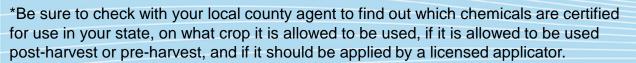




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#### Management

- Biological Control
  - Mites, Beetles, Thrips, Lacewings, Parasitic Fungi
- Cultural
  - Sanitation
- Chemical\*
  - Phosphamidon, monocrotophos, dimethoate, formothion and demeton methyl
  - petroleoum, neem, and horticultural oil
  - pyridaben, fenbutatin-oxide and dicofol; tank mix with sulfur.







- Tremex fuscicornis
  - Distribution
    - Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America
  - Host
    - Beech, Poplar, Elm, Alder, Chinese wingnut, English walnut, birch, maple, black locust, willow, oak, Chinese hackberry, *Prunus* spp., European hornbeam



















- Management
  - Mechanical
    - Use of fumigants or heat
  - Cultural
    - Proper watering and pruning
    - Removal of cut wood and logs
    - Sanitation
  - Biological
    - Entomopathogenic Nematodes
    - Ichneumonid Wasps and other Predators





- Sirex noctilio
  - Distribution
    - Africa, Asia, Australia,
       Europe, South America,
       and North America
  - Hosts
    - Conifers, especially pine
    - Can also use fir, larch, spruce, and Douglas fir







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male



female



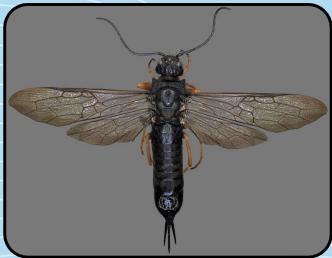
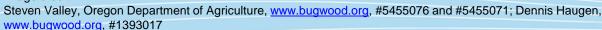


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Damage











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    - Use of fumigants or heat
  - Cultural
    - Proper watering and pruning
    - Removal of cut wood and logs
    - Sanitation
  - Biological
    - Entomopathogenic Nematodes
    - Ichneumonid Wasps and other Predators





# Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

- Halyomorpha halys
  - Distribution
    - Asia (China, Japan, Korea Republic, Taiwan), Europe (Switzerland), North America (Canada and U.S.)
  - Host
    - Polyphagous, very wide host range. Agricultural, ornamental, vegetable and other crops.







### **Brown Marmorated** Stink Bug

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Eggs

**Juvenile** 

Adult







# Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

- Management
  - Biological
    - Birds, Parasitic Wasps
  - Chemical\*
    - Bifenthrin, dinotefuran, and other pyrethroids
  - Physical (Homeowners)
    - Seal holes in house and windows
    - Weather Strip doors and entrances
    - Use of shopvac filled with soapy water
  - Monitoring
    - Black Pyramid Ground trap
    - Blue, black, white lights

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- Duponchelia fovealis
  - Distribution
    - Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America
  - Hosts
    - Very wide host range including tomatoes, strawberries, peppers, English daisies, Lisianthus, poinsettia, begonia, and impatiens
    - Detritus







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pupa



adult



caterpillar



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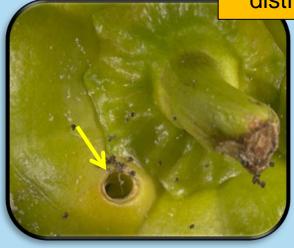




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- Management
  - Monitoring and Inspection
  - Cultural
    - Removal of detritus and leaves in lower canopy
  - Chemical\*
  - Biological
    - Mites, Beetles,
       Entomopathogenic
       Nematodes, Parasitic Wasps,
       Bt formulation



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#### **Exotic Diseases**





- Disease caused by a nematode
  - Bursaphelenchus cocophilus
    - Coconut Palm Nematode
- The nematodes are vectored by a beetle
  - Rhynchophorus palmarum
    - South American Palm Weevil

- Distribution
  - Caribbean and Central
     America, South America,
     and North America
- Hosts
  - Nematode is restricted to species found in the palm family
  - Vector can feed on species other than palms





## Vector of Red Ring Disease of Palm

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- Damage is similar to Red Palm Weevil.
- Wounds from laid eggs
- Palm toppling from reduced structural stability.



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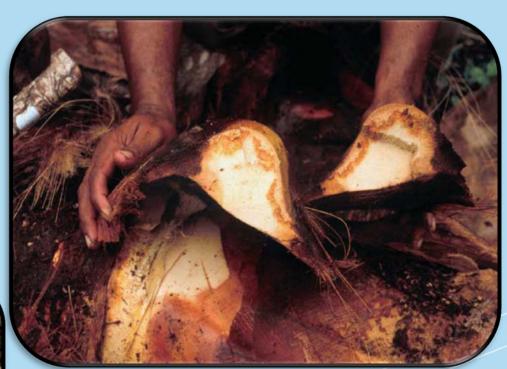
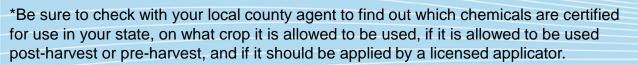


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- Management
  - Very difficult to manage
  - Sanitation is most effective
  - Chemical\*
    - carbaryl, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, endosulfan, fipronil, imidacloprid, malathion, acephate, azinphos-methyl, methidathion, demethoate, trichlorfon
    - Nematicides on leaf axils
  - The same traps used for the Red Palm Weevil will attract the South American Palm Weevil







- Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum
  - Distribution
    - Throughout Europe

       (i.e. U.K., Italy, Spain)

       and New Zealand.
    - In the U.S.
  - Hosts
    - Boxwood, sweet box or Christmas box, Japanese spurge









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Boxwood blight on leaves

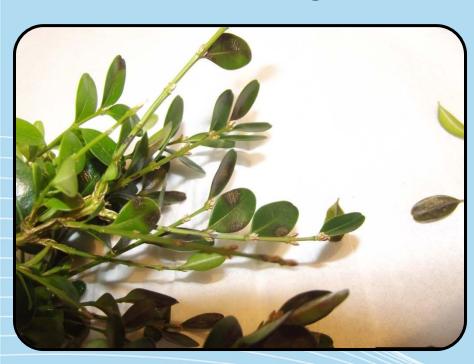




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Boxwood blight fungal fruiting bodies





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Volutella blight





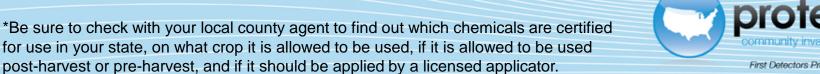
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- Management
  - Sanitation
    - destruction of leaves and removal of inoculated soil (if severe infection, remove whole plant)
  - Chemical\*
    - fludioxinil, azoxystrobin, mancozeb, chlorothalonil, carbendazim, kresoxim-methyl, pyraclostrobin
  - Avoid overhead watering
  - Use of adequate spacing
  - Plant alternative plants







- Plasmopara obducens
  - Distribution
    - Throughout Europe, U.S., Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica.
  - Hosts
    - Impatiens and wild balsam







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- Management
  - Sanitation
    - removal of infected leaves, do not compost infected material, use non-impatiens plant material ("crop rotation" in greenhouse/nursery)
  - Chemical\*
    - fluopicolide, fenamidone, dimethomorph, mefenoxam, azoxystrobin.
  - Plant New Guinea Impatiens

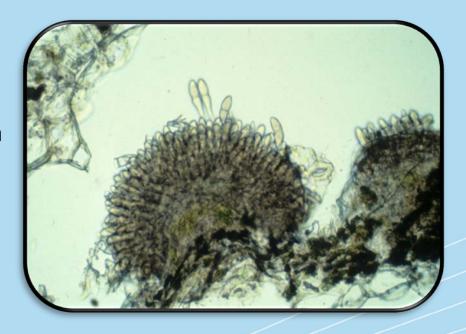


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Has been found and is under eradication

- Puccinia horiana
  - Distribution
    - Asia, Africa, South and Central America, Australia, New Zealand, North America and Europe
  - Hosts
    - Chrysanthemums







Has been found and is under eradication









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Has been found and is under eradication

- Management
  - Changing cultural practices to prevent conditions from becoming conducive for CWR
  - Use of effective fungicides, off-site shipping area (sanitary purposes), use fungicidal dip to prevent spread of fungus (cut flowers)
    - oxycarboxin, triforine, benodanil, triadimefon, diclobutrazol, dibitertanol and propiconazole, difenoconazole, myclobutanil, tebuconazole, and triticonazole

Monitoring host plants for the pathogen

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- This pest is currently on the USDA Quarantine Pest List.
  - If host plants are found to be infected with this disease, commercial growers should consult this eradication plan regarding Chrysanthemum White Rust.
- http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\_health/plan
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### Texas Phoenix Palm Decline

- Caused by a Phytoplasma (a bacterium without a cell wall), like Lethal Yellows
  - Distribution
    - Texas and Florida
  - Hosts
    - Canary date palm, date palm, silver date palm, Queen palm, and Sabal palm





### Texas Phoenix Palm Decline

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Initial symptoms



Fruit drop from a date palm



Death of the flowers





#### Texas Phoenix Palm Decline

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Initial symptoms



Discoloration of the leaves begin at the tip



Discoloration of the lowest (older) leaves comes next



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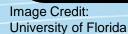




### Texas Phoenix Palm Decline



- Progression of symptoms
  - Death of the spear leaf
  - Broken roots
  - Ability to "rock" the palm







### Texas Phoenix Palm Decline

- Management
  - No specific vector identified
  - Hard to control vectors
  - No cure at this time
  - Removal of infected plant material
  - Anti-biotic injections





### Bleeding Canker of Horse Chestnut

Not found here yet

- Pseudomonas syringae pv. aesculi
  - Distribution
    - United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, India
  - Hosts
    - Horse chestnuts and buckeyes







### Bleeding Canker of Horsechestnut

Not found here yet

Symptoms











### Bleeding Canker of Horsechestnut

- Management
  - No current chemical control

Disease progress monitoring

Good sanitation practices

Grow from seed/do not import plants



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